

**A CONTROLLER FOR DETERMINING PARTICIPANTS IN A NET
WITHIN A GROUP COMMUNICATION NETWORK**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0265] A method and apparatus for determining participants in a net within a group communication network includes the steps of sending a message to a communication device, the message being for determining whether the communication device wishes to stay a participant in the net, and listing the communication device as a participant in the net if the communication device sends a response to the message within a predetermined time period. In one aspect, the communication device is a push-to-talk (PTT) device.

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